

House Resolution 1259

By: Representatives Harbin of the 118th, Anderson of the 117th, and Sims of the 119th

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Columbia County Youth Leadership for its outstanding contribution to the
2 community and inviting its members to appear before the House of Representatives; and for
3 other purposes.

4 WHEREAS, Columbia County Youth Leadership represents the collaborative efforts of the
5 Columbia County Chamber of Commerce, the Columbia County School System, and local
6 business and residential communities; and

7 WHEREAS, Columbia County Youth Leadership is supported by the generous contributions
8 of time, talent, and money from volunteers and business leaders throughout Columbia
9 County under the sponsorship of the Columbia County Chamber of Commerce; and

10 WHEREAS, Columbia County Youth Leadership is a countywide program that develops
11 leadership skills among outstanding high school sophomores and juniors, through the
12 interaction with local leaders and decision makers, and provides students with a unique
13 opportunity to gain valuable first-hand experience in the civic, business, and government
14 sectors of Columbia County; and

15 WHEREAS, Columbia County Youth Leadership fosters essential leadership qualities in
16 promising high schools students from public, private, and home schools, and more than 280
17 graduates have benefitted from this innovative program since its inception in 1999; and

18 WHEREAS, this organization consists of many students from Columbia County, including
19 Jonathan Baker, Rebecca Beaird, Ben Bissell, Brandon Black, Tommy Coleman, Wesley
20 Colston, Maddy Elledge, David Gibbs, Haley Goolsby, Sebastian Gray, Jonathan Hartman,
21 Daniel Horuzsko, Marie Jolly, Matthew Keskula, Johnny Leonard, Charmaine Marshall,
22 Macy McNair, Michael Moore, Haleigh Newman, Brendon Palowitch, Kendyl Pennington,
23 Rachel Scaffe, Keith Sellars, Garrett Sisson, Caroline Stanley, Ben Stewart, Elizabeth
24 Valerio, and Jacob Walker; and

25 WHEREAS, through their guidance and hard work, the members of the Columbia County
26 Youth Leadership Committee are helping to cultivate the future leaders of Columbia County
27 and of the State of Georgia; and

28 WHEREAS, the dedicated members of the Columbia County Youth Leadership Committee
29 are Paula Beckman, Helen Bissell, Tracy Cleveland, Patrick Clifford, Jenny Hinton, Brian
30 Jones, Frank Lindley, Dr. Holland Maness, Chuck McKee, Julie Miller, Dr. Laura Mulloy,
31 Brian Ozden, Michelle Piper, Carolyn Rahn, Karen Ribble, Cary Rivers, John Sessions,
32 Carolyn Tynan, and Traci Valerio; and

33 WHEREAS, the futures of all Georgia communities depend on individuals such as the
34 Columbia County Youth Leadership participants who are willing to dedicate their time and
35 talent to civic affairs.

36 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
37 the members of this body commend Columbia County Youth Leadership on another
38 successful year of working with Columbia County's youth and also commend the Columbia
39 County Chamber of Commerce for its role in sponsoring this outstanding program.

40 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Columbia County Youth Leadership is hereby invited
41 to appear before the House of Representatives at a date and time to be fixed by the Speaker
42 of the House for purposes of being recognized by the House and receiving an appropriate
43 copy of this resolution.